at a quick pace for the benefit of the faremrs; and

(b) if so, what plan Government are envisaging to benefit the farmers by adopting latest inventions in the agricultural field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are extension systems to disseminate agricultural technologies to the farmers. They mainly consist of the Training and Visit system of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the First-Line Extension projects of the I.C.A.R. These first line extension projects, are, National Demonstrations Project (NDP), Operational Research Projects (ORPs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). Lab-to-Land Programme (LLP), ORP for Tribal Areas and ORP on Socio-Economic Upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Back ward Communities.

Steps for betterment of slum dwellers

2699. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the convention of the slum dwellers in Delhi called for a comprehensive policy on slums for their economic opportunities, education, civic amenities and primary health care; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking for the betterment of the slum dwellers giving them basic amenities including better sanitary condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government is not aware of any such convention

(b) For improving the quality of life of slum dwellers in Delhi basic amenities as 'pay and use' Jansuvidha Complexes, water supply including drinking water taps, sewer, storm water drains, widening & pavement of existing streets, street lighting etc. are being provided under the Environmental Improvement Programme.

Modernisation of steel plants in the country

2700. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan for modernisation of Steel Plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have formulated schemes for modernisation of its steel plants. Government have already approved the scheme for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 2667.6 crores. This scheme is likely to be implemented in 4 years time. Details of other schemes would be known when the proposals come up for investment Decisions.

High powered committee to formulate policy to select drama, tele-films, serials

2701. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high powered Committee to formulate a plan to select drama, tele-films, serials; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.